

part of will be seen by the travellers who from journey
Yorkshire, you cannot doubtless than make your way
from one ruined abbey to another. 1895550-1129
as they are the ruins are few & far
between

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men began to arrive, they wanted to see
but in the meantime, Robert-Alexander's Friends
It happened that Robert-Alexander, the second son of
a Yorkshire squire having occasion to pass through
Lincolnshire, was seized by the rebels there, &
compelled to swear that he would help forward their
Cause. He returned to Yorkshire, not feeling at
all sure that he wished to join this movement, &
then, to his surprise, he found all men ready
& all waiting for him. A letter had been sent
through the country in his name, calling upon
the people to defend the Church. There was nothing
for it - but he must become the leader of the rebels who
met in great force on the common of Market Bosworth.
to alike came in every town, &

Robles & peasants alike came
Asks found himself at the head of a great army. It
rebel. marched upon York which surrendered at once.
Then they attempted Pontefract Castle, ~~the~~ governor of
which was secretly friendly & ready enough to surrender.
But they fell into their hands.

And now the rebels held a great council at Montpelier, ~~to~~
~~which~~ where the noble families of the north gathered for
peace for the king's troops had reached as far north
as Lancaster under the Earl of Chester. There they

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was dappled by the swelling of the Don, which "sudden"
made speech a height: depthness & breadth, that
the like no man that did there inhabit could tell
that ever they saw it before.

Quantities the leaders of the northern army sat in
council at Pontefract. And neither Shrewsbury
lost the Lancaster Herald with a proclamation
from the king, which he was not allowed to give, nor
the market cross. He was brought to the castle
& coming into the hall, which was full of people,
he got upon the high table, & rehearsed the cause of
his coming. Then he was carried into another
chamber, where sat Robert-Ash the leader of
the rebels. ~~Lord Darby~~ ~~other honorable person~~
"keeping his post & countenance as though he had
been a great prisoner"

"and I fell down on my knees before him," says
the herald, "showing him how I was a messenger,
charged by the king's council to read the proclamation."
But Ash refused to let him read it, & that
himself told his masters that he this & that thousand
followers intended "to go to London of pilgrimage
to the King's Highness," & there to have all the vile
blood of his council put from him, & all the noble
blood set up again," & to have the ancient
churches restored, their lands & manors given back to
the monks, & to have the common people "used as they
should be."

Then from Pontefract, the insurgents marched in
three divisions to Doncaster, under a banner
showing the five wounds of Christ: & every man
wore a badge crossed with the five wounds. And
instead of forcing their way across the Don, & marching
straight for London, the rebels sent two knights to
carry their demands to the king, and the leaders
agreed that the men on both sides should go to
their homes until the king's answer should be
received.

Henry was very patient to the surgeons, but
instead of giving them an answer & telling them
otherwise, he kept never waiting for a fortnight.

In due fortnight they were manumitting in Yorktown.
Duke summoned his army against the monks
were restored to their abbey; & another great council
~~was held~~^{held at} Montefact, where the messenger
was returned from the king. They brought a
very friendly message though it did not amount
to much more than general pardon for every
the promise of parliament at York. Duke's friends believed, however, not
only to plant all their desires, do

the king meant to plant all their enemies, as
they pulled off their badges, saying that "longer
they would wear no badge but that of their sovereign."
Edw.

fully, ^{Henry was} secretly angry, & resolved to punish the insurgents: but he wrote a civil letter to Ash inviting him to come to him, as "we have conceived a great desire to speak with you, & to hear, of your mind, on the whole matter." Ash went to the king & held friendly talks with him. But on his return to the North, he found that men did not trust ^{Henry} the king & were everywhere preparing for another rising. Being "a brave, simple, noble-minded man," he wrote to warn the king that a second outbreak was much to be feared. Perhaps he hoped ~~the king~~ that measures would be taken to satisfy the people.

The king failed to keep ~~any~~ of his promises,
+ again the people broke into open rebellion under
their old leaders. But Henry had gained time
+ was ready to cope with them now. ~~Some~~
forces were sent northward, under the Duke of
Norfolk, to whom the king wrote; - "Our pleasure is,
that before you close up our banners again you
shall cause such dreadful execution to be done upon
great numbers of the inhabitants of every town, village, & hamlet
that